GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture- Discouragement of HD BRG/ HD Burley/Black Burley Tobacco cultivation in the State - Constitution of task force at District, Divisional and Mandal Levels with line Departments for regulation of HD Burley & White Burley Tobacco in the State – Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (AGRI.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 740 Dated: 22-08-2025
Read:

From the Director of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, Lr.No. AGC02-16030/6/2025-NFSM-AGROD, Dt.05-08-2025.

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O R D E R:

The Director of Agriculture, Guntur, vide letter read above, while giving brief facts and circumstances prevailing at present regarding cultivation of HD BRG/ HD Burley/Black Burley Tobacco in the State, has proposed to constitute Task Force with line Departments at District, Divisional and Mandal Levels for regulation of HD Burley & White Burley Tobacco in the State.

2. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby constitute the task force in 3 tier organizational structure with line Departments at District, Divisional and Mandal Levels for discouragement of HD BRG/ HD Burley/Black Burley Tobacco cultivation in the State as follows:

I) **District Level Task Force**:

S. No	**Name of the Officer**	**Department**	**Position**	**Level**
1.	District Collector	Revenue	Chairman	District
2.	Superintendent of Police(SP)	Police	Member	District
3.	District Agriculture Officer (DAO)	Agriculture	Convener	District
4.	District Medical & Health Officer	Health	Member	District
5.	Law Officer	Legal	Member	District

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Activities of the District Level Task Force:

a. Obtaining weekly reports from the tobacco growing mandals about the status of cultivation.
b. Cross verification through surprise visits in the villages.
c. Resolving any disputes among the nursery growers, local traders, middlemen, company representatives, tobacco godowns, processing units.
d. Ensuring zero tobacco cultivation in the targeted mandals/clusters in the districts.

II) **Revenue Divisional Level Task Force**.

S. No	Name of the Officer	Dept.	Position	Level
1.	Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO)	Revenue	Chairman	Division
2.	Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP)	Police	Member	Division
3.	Assistant Director of Agriculture(R)	Agriculture	Convener	Division
4.	Divisional Medical Officer/MO	Health	Member	Division
5.	Progressive farmer	-	Member	Division

Activities of the Divisional Level Task Force:

a. Obtaining weekly reports from the tobacco growing mandals about the status of cultivation.
b. Cross verification through surprise visits in the villages/Mandals within the division.
c. Resolving any disputes among the nursery growers, local traders, middlemen, company representatives, tobacco godowns, processing units.
d. Ensuring zero tobacco cultivation in the targeted mandals/clusters in the division.

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III) **Mandal Level Task Force**:

S.No.	Name of the Officer	Department	Position	Level
1.	Tahsildar	Revenue	Chairman	Mandal
2.	Sub-Inspector of Police	Police	Member	Mandal
3.	Mandal Agricultural Officer	Agriculture	Convener	Mandal
4.	Medical Officer	Health	Member	Mandal
5.	Progressive farmer	-	Member	Mandal

Activities of the Mandal Level Task Force:

a. Identification of nursery growers, local traders, middlemen, company representatives, tobacco godowns, processing units.
b. Issue of notices to nursery growers not to raise tobacco nurseries during 2025-26 onwards.
c. Issue of notices to local traders, middlemen, company representatives for termination of buyback agreements and not to make any new agreements from 2025-26 onwards.
d. Creation of awareness among the farmers not to cultivate Tobacco from current season.

3. The Director of Agriculture, A.P, Guntur, is permitted to arrange for the virtual meeting at State level at the convenience of the Ex-officio Special Chief Secretary to Government (Agri&Coop) to involve the stake holders of District Collectors, Superintendent of Police (SPs), DAOs, DMHO, Traders and Director NIRCA to discuss on the frame work and functionalities of constituted Task Force towards restriction of the cultivation of HD BRG/ HD Burley/Black Burley Tobacco in the State.

4. The Director of Agriculture, A.P, Guntur shall take necessary further action accordingly, in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Agriculture, Chuttugunta, A.P., Guntur.

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All District, Divisional and Mandal Level Officers(through Director of Agriculture, Guntur)
Copy to:
PS to Hon’ble Minister(Agri & Coop)
PS to Ex.Officio Spl.Chief Secretary to Govt.,
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